

APPROVED: Meeting No. 39-93

ATTEST: *[Signature]*

MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND  
Meeting No. 38-93

November 15, 1993

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in General Session in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, on November 15, 1993, at 8:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor James F. Coyle

Councilmember Robert E. Dorsey

Councilmember Rose G. Krasnow

Councilmember James T. Marrinan

Councilmember-Elect Nina A. Weisbroth  
(absent on travel; to be sworn in  
on 11/22/93)

In attendance: City Manager Bruce Romer, City Clerk Paula Jewell and City Attorney Paul Glasgow.

Re: City Manager's Report

1. Mr. Romer explained that the meeting was planned to start later than usual because of the inauguration ceremony for the new Mayor and Council held at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theater. Mr. Romer noted that this was the 54th swearing-in of Rockville's Mayor and Council, and the ceremony featured entertainment by the Wootton High School Chamber Singers and was emceed by Stephen Elmendorf, President of the Rockville Chamber of Commerce.

2. Mr. Romer referred to the floral arrangement in the Mayor and Council Chambers and noted that it was sent to the new Mayor and Council along with congratulations from the Montgomery County Association of Realtors.

3. The City successfully concluded the Abrams vs. City of Rockville litigation, commonly known as the "Poltergeist case". Mr. Romer said the City and other defendants were found not guilty of negligence in showing the film to children in the City's STEP program.

4. Last week, the City signed an agreement between the City and the Rockville Baseball Association.

5. The City conducted a very successful sale of \$4.8 million dollars in general obligation bonds and \$18 million of general obligation refunding bonds. The interest rate on the bonds was 4.9 percent and will result in direct savings in excess of \$2 million to Rockville taxpayers.

6. Mr. Romer introduced Kaori Murasaki, the City's second intern from Japan who will studying matters relating to the Americans With Disabilities Act.

7. On behalf of all City employees, Mr. Romer offered congratulations to Mayor Coyle and the members of the Council and said that City staff looked forward to working with the elected officials.

Mayor Coyle noted that a reception in honor of Home Care Week took place at City Hall this evening.

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Re: Proclamation declaring the week of November 28 through December 4, 1993, as "**HOME CARE WEEK**" in Rockville.

The Proclamation was read by Councilmember Krasnow. Upon motion of Councilmember Krasnow, duly seconded and unanimously passed, November 28 through December 4, 1993 was declared as Home Care Week in the City of Rockville. George Child, Senior Executive Director, Adventist Home Health Services, accepted the Proclamation.

Re: Proclamation declaring November 18, 1993 as the "**GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT DAY**" in Rockville.

The Proclamation was read by Councilmember Marrinan. Upon motion of Councilmember Marrinan, duly seconded and unanimously passed, November 18, 1993 was declared the Great American Smokeout Day in Rockville. Pati Cole, Volunteer Chairperson of the Great American Smokeout, accepted the Proclamation.

Re: Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Ellen Watson, for service as member and chair of the Science, Technology and Environment Commission.

Ellen Watson, Chair of the Science, Technology, and Environment Commission, and the Storm Water Management Task Force, has resigned to accept a position in New Mexico. The Certificate was presented in recognition of Ms. Watson's leadership and sensitivity in applying

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scientific principles and management skills to achieve consensus on sound and lasting solutions to community environmental concerns.

Re: Citizens Forum

1. Stan Klein, 7 Lorre Court, on behalf of Traffic and Transportation

Commission, informed the Mayor and Council that the proposed Pedestrian Policies had been distributed and the Commission wished to present a slide show of some of the concerns the policies were intended to address, and, he said the Commission welcomed the Mayor and Council's comments.

2. Libby Baden commented on the November 2nd election and said that while the turnout was not that good, low turnouts were usually the result of citizens that were happy. She said as a civic activist, she has found that when people got involved in the community; matters were met in success and she congratulated the Mayor and Council on informing the citizens and getting the community involved in the decision making process.

3. Sima Osdoby, 2 Stevens Circle congratulated the new Mayor and Council. She said that even though citizens may not be physically in attendance at Council meetings, they were watching. She noted the upcoming retreat and suggested that the Mayor and Council discuss the idea of reconvening the election reform committee to look at issues such as at-large seats on the City Council.

Mansfield Kasemen, 704 Carter Road said he was glad the Mayor and Council were willing to serve the City, and he was glad to see the elected body moving quickly into a retreat. He congratulated Mayor Coyle on the points and goals for the City that Mr. Coyle made in his

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inaugural speech and he said that as a community leader, he looked forward to working with the Mayor and Council towards meeting those goals.

Re: Appointments

Upon motion of Councilmember Marrinan, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Donald Crawford was appointed to serve on the Historic District Commission.

Upon motion of Councilmember Dorsey, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Stanton Sheltra was appointed as Chairman of the Senior Citizens Commission.

Upon motion of Councilmember Krasnow, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Douglas Worthing was reappointed to serve on the Sign Review Board.

Re: Approval of Minutes

Minutes of Meeting No. 33-93

Councilmember Krasnow asked that the Minutes be corrected to show that she had also abstained on the motion to adopt the Resolution amending the Comprehensive Planned Development Plan. Upon motion of Councilmember Marrinan, duly seconded and unanimously passed, with Councilmember Dorsey abstaining, the Minutes of Meeting No. 33-93 (September 27, 1993) were approved.

Minutes of Meeting No. 34-93

Upon motion of Councilmember Krasnow, duly seconded and unanimously passed, with Councilmember Dorsey abstaining, the Minutes of Meeting No. 34-93 (September 29, 1993) were approved.

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Minutes of Meeting No. 35-93

Upon motion of Councilmember Marrinan, duly seconded and unanimously passed, with Councilmember Dorsey abstaining, the Minutes of Meeting No. 35-93 (October 11, 1993) were approved.

Re: Consent Agenda

Upon motion of Councilmember Dorsey, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the following Consent Agenda items were approved:

- (A) Introduction of Ordinance to amend Ordinance Number 9-93 appropriating funds and levying taxes for Fiscal Year 1994.

Each fall, the appropriations ordinance is amended to provide funding for encumbrances which were outstanding at the end of the previous fiscal year. Also included in this year's proposal are funds for a project which was incomplete at year end and funds for a new before school day care program. The total amount to be added to the budget by this Ordinance is \$354,535.

- (B) Introduction of Ordinance to levy special assessments relating to driveway aprons done in Fiscal Year 1993. The aggregate cost of the thirty aprons was \$18,632.48.

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(C) Receipt of financial reports summarizing the results of City operations for the period from July 1, 1993, through September 30, 1993.

Re: Receipt of report from the Courthouse Square Task Force.

Co-Chairs Alice Kelly and Patrick Greaney presented the report prepared by the citizen task force which was charged with making recommendations to the Mayor and Council regarding the Town Center redevelopment project and the public spaces therein. Co-Chairs Kelly and Greaney highlighted the goals and the major areas of interest that were identified and categorized by the Task Force.

Councilmember Krasnow remarked that the list of Courthouse Square Task Force members was very impressive, especially since it was a fully volunteer body. Ms. Krasnow also said the list of goals identified by the group would have to be discussed by the Mayor and Council and probably met with some trade-offs of other related concerns and issues.

Councilmember Marrinan expressed appreciation to the Task Force and said that the Mayor and Council would have to discuss what the next step was.

Councilmember Dorsey commented that the impressive list of participants showed once again, "Rockville at work", and he said he appreciated the participation of all those who were involved in the project.

Mayor Coyle suggested that RCI be given the opportunity to give the Mayor and Council an official response to the report, and he said the Mayor and Council looked forward to implementing the report.

Re: FYI/Correspondence

1. Mayor Coyle noted two staff appointments; Paula Jewell, who was appointed to the Maryland Municipal League Strategic Planning Committee and Burt Hall, who was appointed as Chair of the Interagency Coordinating Board Financial Affairs Committee.

2. Councilmember Krasnow noted FYI Item #12 regarding the Mansion Art Gallery which she said has gained in prestige in the Washington Metropolitan area.

3. Councilmember Marrinan commended staff for moving aggressively at looking at alternate forms for fueling the City's vehicles. Mr. Marrinan referenced the report prepared by the Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments and the Washington-Metropolitan Air Quality Committee, and he said the summary of the plan would be the subject of a public hearing on November 30 in Silver Spring.

4. Mayor Coyle referenced two letters received from residents regarding the Police Department's handling of a case involving a stolen credit card and the Department of Public Works handling of a water main leak. Mayor Coyle commended each department and their staff for their efficient handling of both matters.



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Re: New Business

1. Councilmember Krasnow welcomed Mr. Coyle as the new Mayor and Councilmember Dorsey and said she looked forward to working with both members over the next two years.

2. Councilmember Dorsey noted a remark made by one of his fellow church associates after the election of the Mayor and Council; the associate had suggested that everyone "pray for wisdom".

Re: Next Meeting

Mr. Romer noted that the next General Session will be held on Monday, November 22, 1993.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:38 p.m., to convene again in General Session at 7:30 p.m. on November 22, 1993, or at the call of the Mayor.